

HIGHLAND MAIN STREET MEETING
Highland Town Hall- Highland, Indiana 46322
June 1, 2017 MINUTES

Call to Order

At 6:46 PM, the Highland Main Street (HMS) meeting was called to order by President Dawn Diamantopoulos at Highland Town Hall, 3333 Ridge Road in Highland, Indiana.

Roll Call:

The following were present: Board Members Dawn Diamantopoulos, Marie Russo, Julie Larson, Lola McKay, Mario DeGeorge, Mary Wells, Doug Van Ramshorst and Redevelopment Assistant Lance Ryskamp. Board Member Darlene Barron were absent. Also, present at the meeting were Phillip McKee, Theresa Pecsek, as well as Michael Vanes and Lee Kause from the Car Cruise Committee.

Minutes:

Marie Russo made a motion, seconded by Julie Larson, to approve minutes from the May 4, 2017. The motion passed 6-0.

Town Theatre Board:

Dawn reported that Town Theatre Board has established an email address, towntheatreboard@gmail.com, to allow people to request a refund of their Town Theatre Memberships until August 31, 2017. This item will be removed from future Main Street meeting agendas.

Explorer's Group

No report.

Highland Rookery

No report.

Pop-Up Gallery

Dawn reported that the Pop-Up Gallery at First Midwest Bank was well attended and that artist Liz Mares sold several art pieces at the event. Lance advised the members that the real estate company representing the bank had completed accepting purchase bids for the facility.

Coupon Program

Phillip McKee reported that he will re-start the program in the Fall when school comes back in session.

Car Cruise

There was a review of finances and assignments for the June 3rd Car Cruise. Lance passed out a sign-up sheet to get everyone who was working the event's phone numbers. It was decided that due to a lack of security for the scheduled rain date, in the event of bad weather, the event would be rescheduled for June 24th. Michael Vanes reported that there was a second banner that needed to be picked up for the event. Lance said that only the T-

shirts left over from past events would be sold this year, in order to clear out the old inventory. Lance said that close attention would be needed to make sure receipts were given for every shirt purchased.

Festival of the Trail

Lance reported that the first planning meeting had been held for the 2017 Festival of the Trail and the committee was looking at the date of October 14th. He also reported that he was working with the department heads in order to move the location of the event to Jewett Street.

Façade Improvement Grant

No report.

Cash Mobs

Dawn reported that a Cash Mob was being organized for Tinker’s Attic on Highway Avenue. The date for the event was set for Saturday, June 24th at noon. Participants were to line up outside the store around 11:45 am. Dawn said the event was a cash only event.

Municipal Parking Lot

No report.

Poet Laureate

Lance reported that he had met with Poet Laureate, Janine Harrison to go over some of her projected events for her one-year term.

Sculpture and Art Tour of Highland

Dawn reported that the sculpture was installed on Highway Avenue. She also reported that the second downtown mural design was almost completed and should be finished by June 3rd. Lance reported that the third mural surrounding the open space would be completed by the Festival of the Trail.

Applications for Highland Main Street Board for 2017

No report.

Highland Main Street Ordinance

No report.

2017 Work Plan

No report.

Discussion

Lance reported to the members that Director Cecile Petro would be retiring on June 9th and there was going to be a cake and coffee event in her honor that day from 2:30 to 4:30 at Town Hall.

Adjournment

Doug made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mario, and approved a voice vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.